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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. 12. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government; considered and passed.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 13. A bill to extend authorization for the national flood insurance program; considered and passed.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 14. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to extend the farm reconstitution provision to the 2003 and 2004 crops; considered and passed.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 15. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for foreign countries seriously affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3180. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 3181. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to ensure that the interest rate for direct loans paid by low income, limited resource borrowers is less than the interest rate for direct loans paid by other borrowers under the Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 361. A resolution tendering thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 362. A resolution tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 363. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Republican Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 364. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 365. A resolution congratulating the people of Brazil on the completion of peaceful, free, and fair elections in Brazil and the election of President da Silva; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 366. A resolution urging the Government of Egypt and other Arab governments not to allow their government-controlled television stations to broadcast any program that lends legitimacy to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BARKLEY):

S. Res. 367. A resolution recognizing the community services of Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, designating the fortnight beginning November 29, 2002, as the "Blues Heritage Appreciation Fortnight", and designating Friday, November 29, 2002, as "Blues Friday"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. SPECTER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 368. A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate concerning the decline of world coffee prices and its impact on developing nations; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Con. Res. 160. A concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Seventh Congress, Second Session; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2039

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area.

S. 2577

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2577, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the exclusion from Federal income tax for restitution received by victims of the Nazi Regime.

S. 2945

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2945, To authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance beneficiary access to quality health care services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DODD:

S. 12. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government; considered and passed.

S. 12

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Peace Corps was established in 1961 to promote world peace and friendship through the service of American volunteers abroad.

(2) The three goals codified in the Peace Corps Act which have guided the Peace Corps and its volunteers over the years, can work in concert to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government.

(3) The Peace Corps has operated in 135 countries with 165,000 Peace Corps volunteers since its establishment.

(4) The Peace Corps has sought to fulfill three goals, as follows: to help people in developing nations meet basic needs, to promote understanding of America's values and ideals abroad, and to promote an understanding of other peoples by Americans.

(5) After more than 40 years of operation, the Peace Corps remains the world's premier international service organization dedicated to promoting grassroots development.

(6) The Peace Corps remains committed to sending well trained and well supported Peace Corps volunteers overseas to promote peace, friendship, and international understanding.

(7) The Peace Corps is an independent agency, and therefore no Peace Corps personnel or volunteers should be used to accomplish any other goal than the goals established by the Peace Corps Act.

(8) The Crisis Corps has been an effective tool in harnessing the skills and talents for returned Peace Corps volunteers and should be expanded to utilize to the maximum extent the talent pool of returned Peace Corps volunteers.

(9) The Peace Corps is currently operating with an annual budget of \$275,000,000 in 70 countries with 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers.

(10) There is deep misunderstanding and misinformation about American values and ideals in many parts of the world, particularly those with substantial Muslim populations, and a greater Peace Corps presence in such places could foster greater understanding and tolerance.

(11) Congress has declared that the Peace Corps should be expanded to sponsor a minimum of 10,000 Peace Corps volunteers.

(12) President George W. Bush has called for the doubling of the number of Peace Corps volunteers in service.

(13) Any expansion of the Peace Corps shall not jeopardize the quality of the Peace Corps volunteer experience, and therefore can only be accomplished by an appropriate increase in field and headquarters support staff.

(14) In order to ensure that proposed expansion of the Peace Corps preserves the integrity of the program and the security of volunteers, the integrated Planning and Budget System supported by the Office of Planning and Policy Analysis should continue its focus on strategic planning.

(15) A streamlined, bipartisan National Peace Corps Advisory Council composed of